

# WESTFIELD PARKS & RECREATION

## QUARTER 1 REVIEW FOR 2016



## EVENTS

**MELT THE TRAIL** // The 2nd Annual Melt the Trail 5k Fun Run was held on Saturday, February 6th at Grand Park. Around 300 runners/walkers came out for this event which tripled last year's attendance! We also had a total of 27 volunteers who helped throughout the course and with registration/checkin. During the event, runners had the opportunity to write a resident of Wellbrooke a valentine. A total of 100 seniors were touched by this act of kindness. At the end of the event, all of the leftover food was donated to The Giving Tree, which is a local food pantry here in Westfield.



**BINGO BRUNCH** // We are almost into our 2nd full year of Bingo Brunch and numbers continue to grow! We are now tripling attendance from this time last year. Every month Bingo Brunch brings a new and fun theme to the seniors with even more prizes! The event happens once a month and could not be possible without the help of our sponsors or the partnership with the library.



**SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE** // Our 2016 lineup for our Seeds of Knowledge workshops kicked off in March. Due to popular demand, these classes are free gardening classes offered to the community once a month beginning in the spring and ending in the fall. This is possible through the partnership of the Hamilton County Master Gardeners.



## HIGHLIGHTS

1. Land Collective made their public presentation on Grand Junction in January and they are now working on finalizing construction documents. Phase 1 of Grand Junction will begin soon with the construction of the new alignment of Mill Street and regional detention.
2. There is now a new Little Library that has been installed at Simon Moon Park. This was completed as a Girl Scout Project by Brownie Troop 4045.



## STAFF UPDATES

In January the entire Parks Department staff attended the Indiana Parks & Recreation Association Conference in Bloomington which provided many educational sessions and networking opportunities with other parks departments and surrounding businesses.

Following the IPRA Conference, both of our Event Managers; Kelley Wells and Emily Clark attended and completed their first year of Event Management School in Wheeling, West Virginia. Next year, both will go back to complete their certification and will return with the Event Management Certification through the International Festivals & Events Association.

